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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6558**

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**By** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Smith, Oke and Swecker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dissemination of sex offender information; and  
2 amending RCW 43.43.540.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.540 and 1990 c 3 s 403 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The county sheriff shall forward the information and fingerprints  
7 obtained pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130 to the Washington state patrol  
8 within five working days. The state patrol shall maintain a central  
9 registry of sex offenders required to register under RCW 9A.44.130 and  
10 shall adopt rules consistent with chapters 10.97, 10.98, and 43.43 RCW  
11 as are necessary to carry out the purposes of RCW 9A.44.130, 9A.44.140,  
12 10.01.200, 43.43.540, 46.20.187, 70.48.470, and 72.09.330. The  
13 Washington state patrol shall reimburse the counties for the costs of  
14 processing the sex offender registration, including taking the  
15 fingerprints and the photographs.

16 The state patrol shall maintain a copy of any information disclosed  
17 by a public agency pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 in a form that is  
18 accessible to the public electronically through the internet or other  
19 computer network widely available to the general public, and searchable

1 within specific areas or jurisdictions. If feasible within available  
2 funds, the state patrol shall also include a photograph of the sex  
3 offender. The state patrol shall remove from the electronic central  
4 registry information about a sex offender at the time the sex  
5 offender's duty to register under RCW 9A.44.140 expires.

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